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The cited documents were brought to the Applicant's attention in a Search Report for an International application pending under the Patent Cooperation Treaty which

asserts priority to U.S. Serial No. 10/025,515 ("515 application"), which Search Report was communicated on May 9, 2003, not more than three months ago.

The references cited on the Form PTO/SB/08A may not constitute prior art to the subject matter of the invention claimed in the pending application. The documents therefore are disclosed here in an abundance of caution, in light of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider this Information Disclosure Statement. As the Applicant has not received a first Office action for the '515 application, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3) and it is believed that no fee is due. However, in the event that this paper should cross in the mail with a final Office action, the Applicant hereby request the Office to consider the Information Disclosure Statement. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2425 for the petition fee under 37C.F.R. § 1.17(i)

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